There's no need to take resposibility for a relationship that's already turned sour.

I know that if anything, it'd probably be best to let it lie. To let us both gradually forget.

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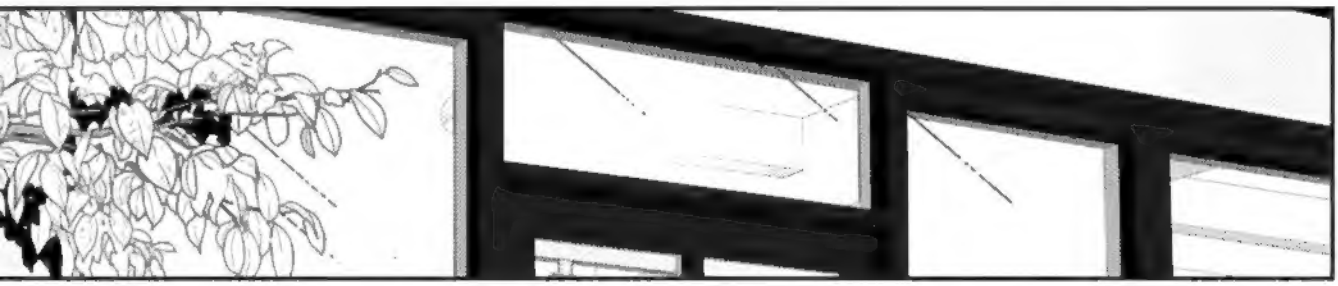


But even so,

I feel like I have to meet and talk to you one more time.

CHATTER
CHATTER
I DIDN'T EXPECT,
THAT YOU'D ASK ME TO MEET YOU AGAIN.
WHAT HAPPENED...
...TO YOUR FACE?

HM,
I SEE.

I GOT MIXED INTO A SMALL BRAWL AT THE BAR.

OH, THIS?

IS THIS ABOUT THEO?
IN ANY CASE, I'M GUESSING YOU'RE NOT HERE JUST TO CHIT-CHAT.
A liar,

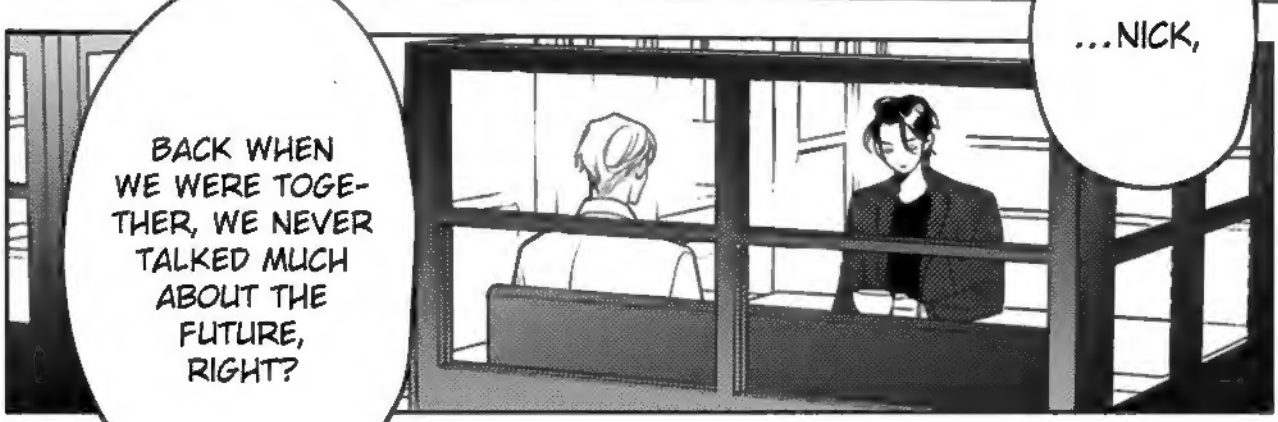
With a great intuition.

YEAH,
I DECIDED TO GO STEADY WITH HIM.
Nick Thompson.
LOU...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE TOLD ME?

IT'S FUNNY, RIGHT? HE REALLY IS A KID.
HAHAH,
THAT HE'S DIFFERENT FROM YOU,
AND THAT HE'D NEVER CHANGE OR LEAVE ME.
...BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED TO HEAR?

By now,

He's got nothing to do with me.
CLANK


...NICK,
BACK WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER, WE NEVER TALKED MUCH ABOUT THE FUTURE, RIGHT?

AT FIRST IT WAS BECAUSE WE WERE YOUNG, JUST HAVING FUN.
AND THEN, AS WE STARTED TO HAVE LESS AND LESS TIME FOR EACH OTHER...
...I THINK WE AVOIDED THAT TOPIC OUT OF FEAR.
BECAUSE WE WERE SO USED TO EACH OTHER.
YEAH.
WE THOUGHT THAT AS LONG AS WE MAINTAIN THE ROUTINE,
NOTHING WILL NEED TO CHANGE, AND NO ONE WILL HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY .

BUT OF COURSE, THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD POSSIBLY LAST.
AFTER WE BROKE UP, THERE WERE TIMES I CRIED,
THERE WERE TIMES I RAGED, AND...
THERE WERE TIMES I JUST STOPPED THINKING AND TRIED TO GET OVER IT.
I EVEN CONSIDERED TAKING REVENGE ON YOU, AMONGST OTHER MORONIC IDEAS.
BUT,
IN THE END, THERE'S REALLY ONE THING,
THAT I DEEPLY REGRET NOT DOING.

I COULD'VE ASKED YOU TO THINK IT THROUGH ONCE MORE,

SEE IF WE COULD SOLVE OUR ISSUES TOGETHER.

BUT BECAUSE OF MY PRIDE, I NEVER DID ANY OF THAT AND IT STILL HAUNTS ME.

MAYBE YOU ACTED THAT WAY,
BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T IMAGINE A FUTURE WITH ME EITHER.
IF SO,
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU THAT EVEN NOW, WE COULD STILL START OVER?
NAH, IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.

TODAY'S MEETING JUST CONFIRMED IT FOR ME.
WE'D GROW TO REGRET IT.
BOTH ME,
AND YOU.
WE CAN'T TAKE BACK THE PAST WHERE WE HURT EACH OTHER, NOR FORGET ABOUT IT.

YEAH, I GUESS.

GOOD-BYE.

THANKS FOR COMING TODAY.

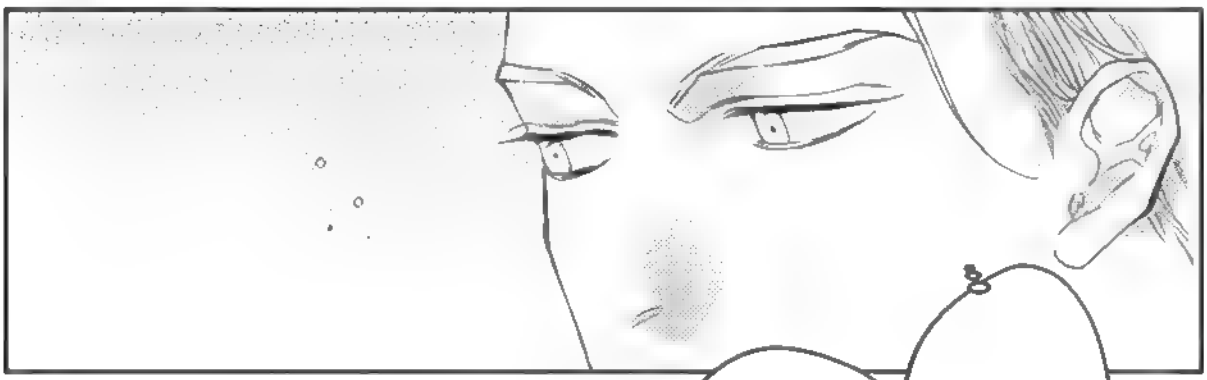
SO THIS TIME IT'S MY TURN TO GET DUMPED?

...

...IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY.

AS ALWAYS, YOU'RE RIGHT.

YOU'RE OVERESTIMATING ME.



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FEELS LIKE NOW I'M THE ONLY ONE STILL STEPPING IN PLACE.

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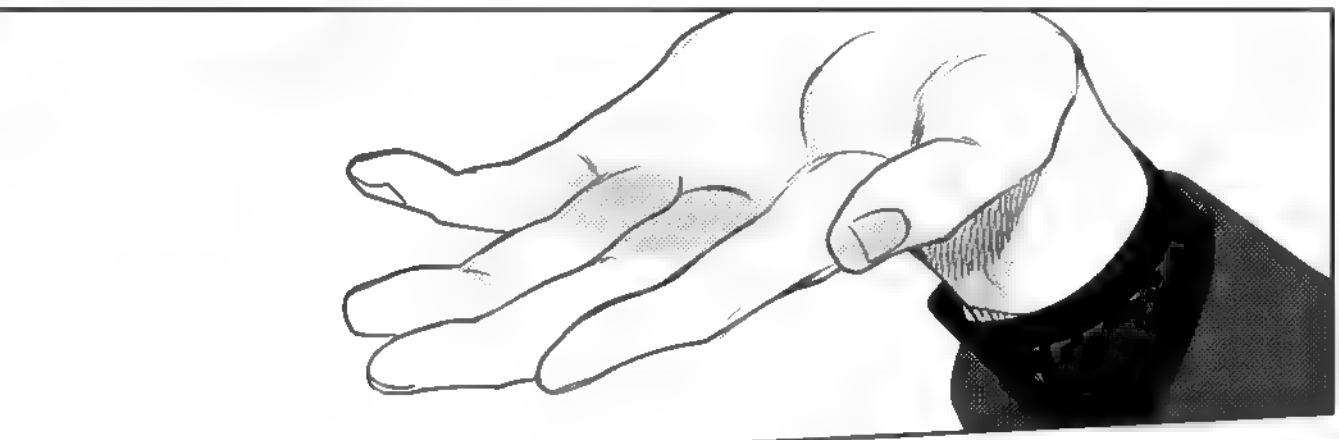
Heh!

WHAT A FACE HE'S MAKING...
...THAT I'M GOING TO SEE NICK?
WAS HE WAITING FOR ME BECAUSE I TOLD HIM...

THEO,
TWITCH



WOULD YOU GIVE ME A HUG?

To his smell that's unlike Nicks,
And his weight when he holds me.
WERE YOU WORRIED THAT I'D GO BACK TO NICK?
When have I gotten so used to this...
SQUEEZE
I WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU'RE FEELING.
BE HONEST WITH ME.
...THEO.
NO...

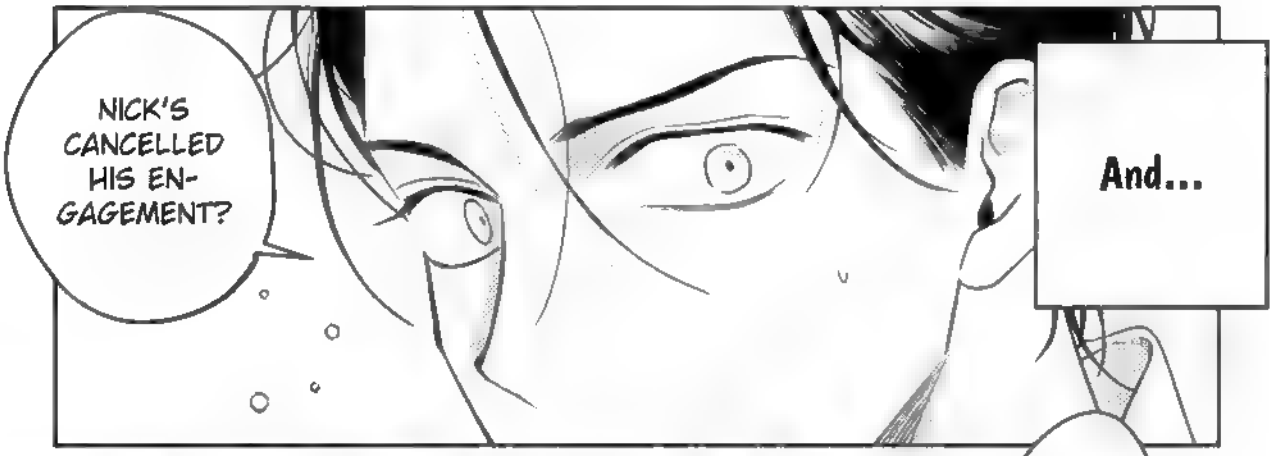
RIGHT NOW,
YOU'RE MY PRIME CONCERN.
I think I'm going to...
...Take up that 'forever' you pro-mised,

...OF COURSE I WAS WORRIED!
ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?!
FROM NOW ON YOU MUST ONLY PAY ATTENTION TO ME, UNDER-STOOD?
I LOVE YOU!
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
And happily believe you.
END

Meanwhile I'm still working as associate professor.

Theo switched his major to literature and is now pursuing his true interests.

After that, things got hectic for a while.



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AH, RIGHT!
THWACK!

YEAH...
KISS
KISS
KISS
KISS
OH, STOP IT ALREADY!

I DON'T THINK THERE WAS MUCH LOVE INVOLVED ON HIS PARTNER'S SIDE ANYWAY.
KISS
I WONDER... TELLING FROM THAT ONE PHOTO, THEY SEEMED TO BE GETTING ALONG.
GOES TO SHOW THAT YOU NEVER CAN TELL RIGHT UNTIL THE WEDDING.

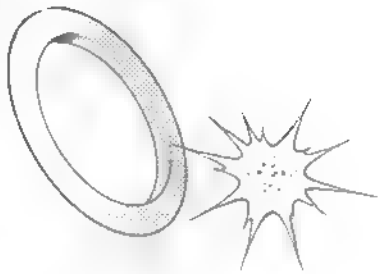
?
HAD WHAT?
Ouch...
I THINK I STILL HAD IT SOMEWHERE...

A RING...?

YEAH,
...DID YOU GET IT FROM MY BROTHER?
WAY BACK WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.
I FORGOT I EVEN HAD IT UNTIL NOW.
I WONDER IF IT STILL FITS.

DON'T PUT IT ON.

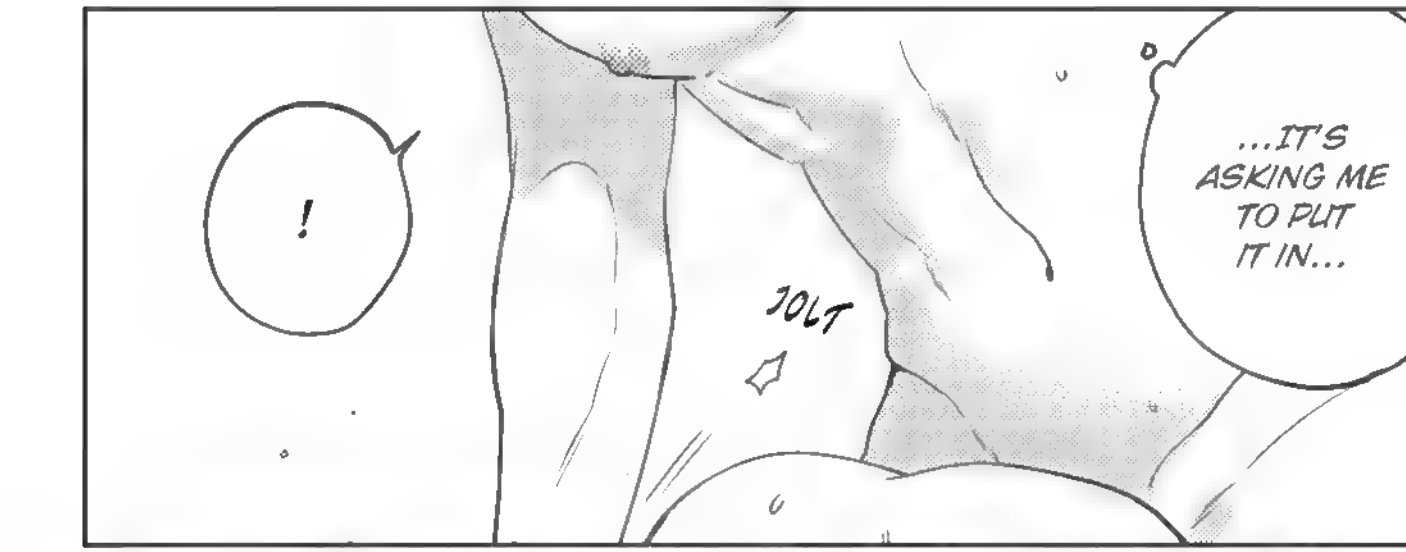
SORRY.
I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT.
I...
JUST ...
HUH?
OH.



THUMP!

THEO~
SO YOU WEREN'T DELIBERATELY TRYING TO PISS ME OFF?
ARE YOU MAD?
SERIOUSLY, DON'T MIND IT. I'LL THROW IT AWAY...
YOU'D JUST CASUALLY PUT ON A RING FROM YOUR EX IN FRONT OF YOUR LOVER?
HAHA...
I THINK IT'S TIME,
YOU ALSO EXPERIENCE SOME HARDSHIP FOR ONCE.
WHAT ...?

Slick
Slick
SHIVER
WHY IS IT ALWAYS ME WHO HAS TO FEEL SO... SO...
Rub
UAH...
Rub
SHIVER!
HIS HOLE...
IT'S TWITCH-ING SO MUCH...
GULP
ALMOST LIKE...
Ah!
SLIP
THRUST
THRUST
SLIP
Uh!
TWITCH!
TWITCH!
Creak
AH!
WHAT ARE YOU-...!
I'M ONLY RUBBING THE TIP,
AND YOU'RE ALREADY RESPONDING SO NICELY...
SQUIRM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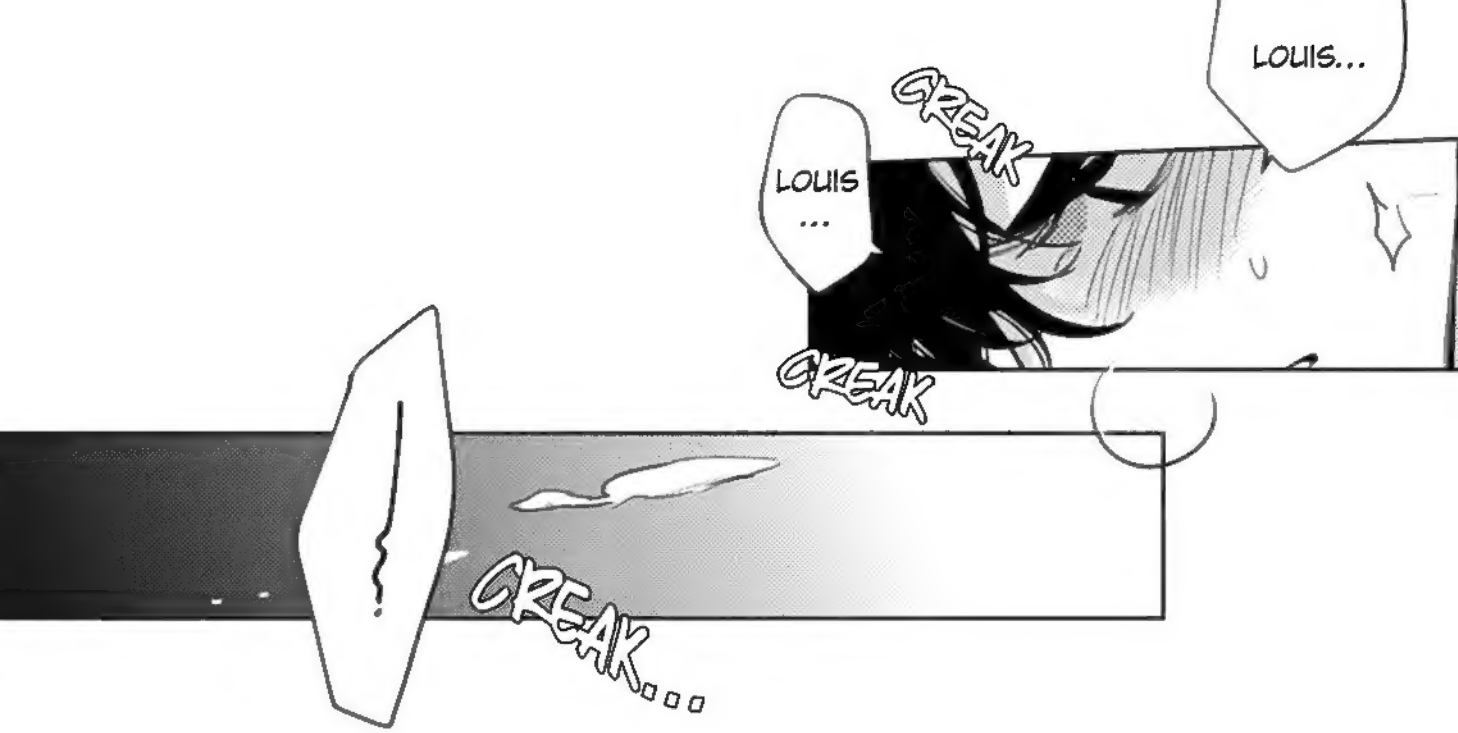
JOLT
...IT'S ASKING ME TO PUT IT IN...

HORNY

Haa...
THEO!
STOP SCREWING AROUND,
AND PUT IT IN ALREADY...

YOU'RE TOO HOT, PROFE-SSOR.
RUB
SER-IOUSLY,

COMING ONTO ME DAY AND NIGHT?
AND WHO'S THE ONE,
AH!


LOUIS...
CREAK
LOUIS ...
CREAK
!
CREAK...

THEO.
YES?

WANNA GO AND LOOK AT RINGS NEXT TIME?
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YES!
GUESS I'LL JUST PAWN THE OTHER ONE.
HEY NICK, WATCH ME AND THEO FIND HAPPINESS ON YOUR DIME...
Gape

END

AFTERWORD

Hello, it's CTK!
Thank you for reading "Never Good Enough" volume 2!
At the beginning, Theo and Louis are both quite mean and inconsiderate, but I drew this story thinking that it'd be remarkably cute to see them growing softer on each other as they fall in love, haha.
I hope you enjoyed reading Never Good Enough, and look forward to meeting you again in another work!

June 2021, CTK

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